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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.